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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the Commission to take away access to what could be described as unbundled network elements. Where I live, these unbundled elements are the critical last-mile copper. Access to this infrastructures essential to my provider. Competition is important! I don't want ATT to be my only choice. I support my local broadband provider and the FCC should encourage its access to the infrastructure and not allow ATT and other mega providers chase out local competition.

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